

Summary of the Sherman Elementary PTSA General Membership Meeting

Meeting Date & Time: November 13th, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting Location: In-Person at Sherman Library; Virtual on Zoom, Link at ShermanPTSA.com

Meeting member notification: Posted on website, school bulletin board, and social media

Attendance:

Quorum:

Call to Order: Meeting Called to Order by Sam Griffin at 6:35pm

Housekeeping

- Attendees: In-Person and Zoom
- Approval of October 2024 Minutes
- **VOTE:** Motion to approve minutes for October 2024. Attendee seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.

Standing Order

Treasurer's Report

November 2024 Financial Review was shared:

- Account Balances: Checking: \$81,277.94/Savings:\$35,013.60

New/Upcoming Business

- Membership update - 92 members
- Truman Middle School Principal Nicholas Parks
 - First year at Truman, was at Mt. Tahoma for 8 years as Assistant Principal
 - Lives in the area
 - Core Beliefs: Act of service to one's community; Student inclusion; Access to rigors educational opportunities that prepare students for the future
 - 430 Students at Truman
 - Open Enrollment is Thursday December 5th from 5:30pm-7:00pm
- Follow up on past events
 - Sherman STEAM Open House
 - Discussed there are a lot of events all at once
 - The event was well attended, STEAM Open House is the open house that is part of the District Calendar, this timing is driven by the district
 - Fun way to see the whole school
 - Is there an opportunity to get Student Voice back on the event?
- October Roundtable \$1,300
 - It was during conference week which was a conflict for Teachers who wanted to participate
- Masquerade \$590 day of card sales, \$540 day of cash. Presales unknown at this time
 - Meant to be a community event, why are we charging? Could it be by donation instead?
 - Rope was effective to keep folks off the field
 - Long line at the gate
 - Need for more lighting on the playground and sidewalks?
- Read-a-thon \$21,890 goal was \$20,000
 - Min read 200,635 thus far
 - Mins and fundraising ends at Midnight on Friday night (11/15)
- Book Fair over \$10k in sales
 - A percentage goes back support to Sherman Library
 - There was a lower turnout this year
 - In spring do bookfair and invite grandparents, this is often a great way to raise funds
- Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
 - Night Market: 12/12
 - Talent Show: 2/7
 - Spring Fundraiser: 3/22
 - Staff Appreciation Week: 5/5-5/9

- Tiger Trot: 5/30
- Carnival: 6/13
- Inclusion and Belonging - Met on Monday November 4th
 - Set goals for this year and discussed long term goals
 - Reaching out to other schools with more established committees to see if they will share their survey they did to help frame Sherman's committee work.
 - Would like to do more trainings and childcare (currently offering childcare at PTSA Meetings to reduce barriers to accessing meetings)
- Yearbook Committee
 - Request for additional funding of \$1500 total cost is \$3000
 - Group discussed reimbursement
 - If yearbooks are sold at \$10 a piece and 300 are sold would recoup the funds
 - Each student gets a disposal photo then will develop them, scan them and put them in the yearbook
 - 85 students are participating
 - For future years: Can there be other camera options? (Camp Snap?) Holds 2,000 photos per card, \$60 a piece
 - **VOTE**: Motion to approve reimbursement of Parent Volunteer for up to 3,000. Attendee seconded. Minutes were approved unanimously.
- Theatre
 - Sherman Theatre Presents High School Musical Jr.
 - May 2nd & 3rd, 2025

7:44pm meeting adjourned

The next general membership meeting is scheduled for December 11th, at 6:30pm.

Meeting Minutes taken by Abi McLane, PTSA Secretary and Summary created by Sam Griffin, PTSA President